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(C) Dutch Minister for Development Cooperation Koenders will likely represent the Netherlands at the Pakistan Donors conference on April 17. Embassy passed reftel A points to key contacts at the MFA. Harry van Dijk, Director for South Asia, responded that the Dutch still had not settled on a final amount of development funding for Pakistan, or on a date for a public announcement of the funding. However, if other ministers are announcing pledges in Tokyo, Koenders will likely follow suit. As reported in reftel B, the Dutch expect to pledge at most 112 million euros over three years, for development and governance programs. GALLAGHER